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MAYS LANDING— A Margate man charged with one count of second-degree sexual assault and one count of second-degree luring for an incident involving a 10-year-old girl, appeared in court today and formally heard the charges against him, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Paul C. Campo, 35, of 505 North Delavan Avenue, allegedly lured the child who was on her way to school on Friday, into an isolated area between houses on Forest Drive toward the rear of a Linwood home. It is further alleged that Campo exposed and fondled himself, grabbed the child and pulled down the child's pants. The child was able to break free, and when she arrived at school she immediately notified teachers. Linwood Detective Sergeant John Hamilton took Campo into custody later that day, according to Assistant Prosecutor Pamela K. D'Arcy who represented the state today.

Superior Court Judge Robert Neustadter read the charges against Campo and asked if he had received copies of them. Campo said through his defense attorney, that he had received copies of the complaints.

Campo remains in the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of a blanket bail of \$500,000 full cash.

The investigation that led to Campo's arrest was conducted by the Linwood Police Department with the assistance of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office.

Second-degree offenses carry penalties of up to 10 years in prison and \$100,000 in fines.

*****These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.**

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<http://www.crimestoppersatlantic.com/>. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.